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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KREPS' VISIT TO BERLIN

1. AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
JUANITA M. KREPS, TEMPELHOF CENTRAL AIRPORT, WEST BERLIN,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1978.

THANK YOU, MAYOR LUEDER AND AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, AND ALL
OF YOU, FOR SUCH A WARM WELCOME.

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TO BE IN GERMANY AND IN BERLIN IN THE SPRING IS A GREAT
JOY. THIS VISIT IS FURTHER ENRICHED, HOWEVER, BY THE
SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT
THAT BINDS TOGETHER THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN AND THOSE OF THE
UNITED STATES. THIS SPIRIT WAS REAFFIRMED LAST SUMMER
WHEN GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE VISITED THE UNITED STATES
AND MET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, I AM HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN THE CHAMBER'S 75TH CELEBRATION. I SHALL ALSO CONFER WITH OFFICIALS OF THIS CITY, WITH COUNT LAMBSDORFF AND WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS.

I EXPECT TO BE MEETING, TOO, WITH LEADERS OF THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, AND I LOOK FORWARD WITH SPECIAL PLEASURE TO AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BERLIN OPERA HOUSE.

GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DEVELOPED BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS ON A NUMBER OF LEVELS -- ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, POLITICAL. PRESIDENT CARTER EMPHASIZED OUR COMMON TIES WHEN HE TOLD CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, "WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROGRESS IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH JOINT EFFORTS, AND THAT THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT BETWEEN ALLIES IS ALWAYS A CRUCIAL ELEMENT OF CONTINUED STRENGTH AND BENEFICENT INFLUENCE."

I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE IN THAT SPIRIT.

2. THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE EMBARGOES UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO DELIVERY.
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3. STATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES WILL FOLLOW. VANCE

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